



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 21, 2013

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Measuring Broadband American Program, GN Docket No. 12-264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 20, 2013, James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor Electromagnetic Compatibility Division (EMCD) delivered via email distribution list a link to a general beta release of the FCC's mobile performance measurement Android application. The application was provided solely for testing purposes, intended for use by collaborative participants.¹ Mr. Miller explained that the beta version of the application is not for general release, may be disabled at any time, and is offered without warranty or support. Mr. Miller reminded recipients that as discussed in the FCC's privacy review, data collected in beta testing would be used to diagnose engineering and other issues in advance of a public release, and would not made be publicly available.

Mr. Miller asked mailing list recipients of an March 19, 2012 list email intended for review by engineering staff of wireless carriers, to disregard the email and delete the application linked to in that email and install the general beta release. The version of the application referenced in the email includes user acceptance of privacy notice and terms of use, active measurement tests, and other features in the general beta release, but includes a self-identifier field needed to facilitate engineering analysis and diagnostics during the beta trial not intended for general use. Mr. Miller cautioned recipients that the self-identifier field in the carrier beta of the application does enable data to be identifiable, and does not implement the FCC's anonymized data collection model. Mr. Miller clarified that the self-identifier field is not present in the beta general release, and will not be in any general public release.

Mr. Miller invited participants to attend a teleconference on Thursday March 28, from 1:30-2:30 to share any feedback or questions regarding the beta application. Mr. Miller thanked participants for their support of the program and credited their contributions as an important part of the success of our FCC Measurement programs.

Sincerely,

James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor
Office of Engineering and Technology, Electromagnetic Compatibility Division
Federal Communications Commission

¹ Source code available under the GNU GPL2 (<http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.html>) open source license, and a compiled binary of the Android application are available at <https://files.samknows.com/~android/v123/>.